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The Honorable David E. Price U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Price:

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The Honorable Raja Krishnamoorthi U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Zoe Lofgren U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Emanuel Cleaver, II U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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